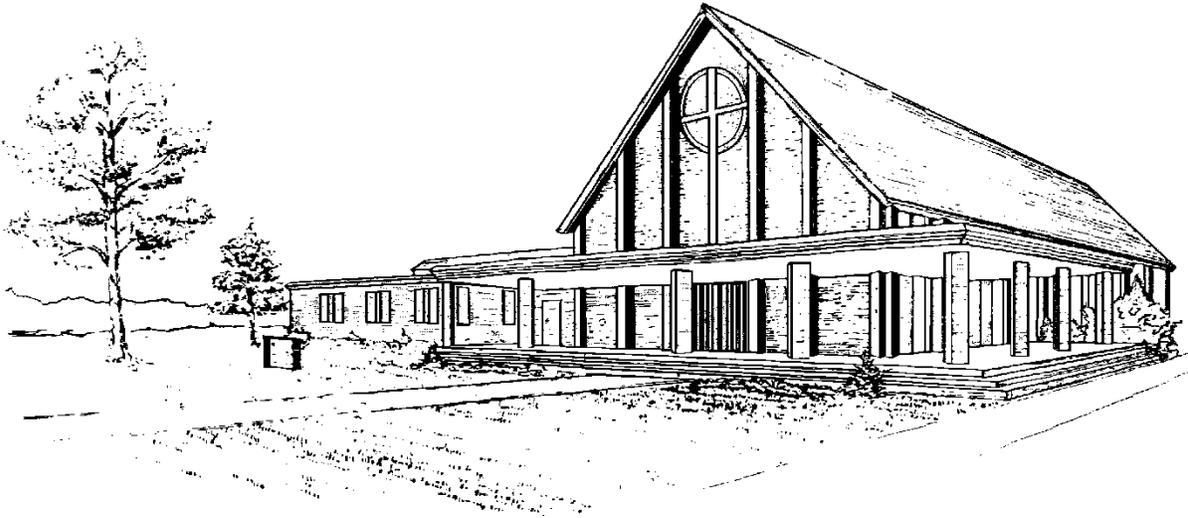


# **THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Service of Worship  
October 18, 2020  
10:30 a.m.**

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**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN**

**October 11, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.**

**“Sticks and Stones ... and Words**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 96:1-4)

O sing to the Lord a new song.

***Sing to the Lord, all the Earth.***

Sing to the Lord. Bless God's name.

***Tell of God's salvation from day to day.***

Declare God's glory among the nations,

***God's marvelous works among all the peoples.***

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;

***God is to be revered above all.***

HYMN # 464

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

*Joyful, Joyful, we adore Thee, God of Glory, Lord of Love.*

*Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness. Drive the gloom of doubt away.*

*Giver of Immortal Gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*All Thy works with joy surround Thee. Earth and Heaven reflect Thy rays.*

*Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of Unbroken Praise.*

*Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.*

*Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.*

*Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in Heaven's plan.*

*Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.*

*Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*God of All, we confess that we have made idols of wealth, notoriety, and other worldly measures of success. As these idols come crashing down around us, we are losing hope, losing joy, and losing faith. But You are the God above all, who leads us into Your reign, a Kingdom not of this world. You are the One who shows us how to truly live, by loving our neighbors as ourselves. Lead us into the true faith, O God, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lived for us, died for us, and lives again, teaching us to live into Your ways of love, justice, mercy, and peace. In these ways, we worship and live the true, abundant life You intended for us, now, and into eternity. Amen.*

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

## PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response:

*Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.  
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

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### DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*O God, we sense that You are calling us to manage well all the things that belong to You. The empires of this world have no claim on the resources You have provided, except as they are used for the common good. The offerings we receive as a church are not for our private benefit; thus, we dedicate the gifts You have provided, to extend a helping hand and joyous welcome to every person on the face of the Earth. May our efforts find favor with You. Amen.*

## THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Exodus 33:12-23  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

SERMON

“Sticks and Stones ... and Words”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN # 263

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible his from our eyes.  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might.  
Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small.  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
Then wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee.*

*Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light.  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render, O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*We've a story to tell to the nations that shall turn their hearts to the right,  
A story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.*

REFRAIN:

*For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noon-day bright,  
And Christ's great kingdom shall come on Earth, the kingdom of love and light.*

*We've a song to be sung to the nations that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,  
A song that shall conquer evil, and shatter the spear and sword,  
And shatter the spear and sword. REFRAIN*

*We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above  
Hath sent us the Son to save us, and show us that God is love,  
And show us that God is love. REFRAIN*

*We've a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow has trod,  
That all of the world's great peoples might come to the truth of God,  
Might come to the truth of God. REFRAIN*

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS